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No. 151

Introduced by Assembly Member Ma

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 151—Relative to in-home supportive services.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 151, as amended, Ma. In-home supportive services.

This measure would declare the intent of the Legislature to ensure the preservation of home care and personal care services to seniors and people with disabilities through the In-Home Supportive Services program.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, For over a quarter century California has provided
2 home care and personal assistance services to seniors and people
3 with disabilities through a unique, consumer-directed, fiscally
4 sound program called the In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS)
5 program; and

6 WHEREAS, The IHSS program was signed into law by
7 Governor Ronald Reagan in 1973 to avoid unnecessary
8 institutionalization and help IHSS program consumers to live
9 independently in the community; and

10 WHEREAS, The IHSS program has become nationally
11 recognized as the preferred way to provide assistance to people
12 who need long-term care, and is now being replicated in other
13 states; and

14 WHEREAS, The IHSS program is a prime example of the
15 home-based, long-term care solutions that were the focus of
16 President George W. Bush's "New Freedom Initiative" in 2001;
17 and

18 WHEREAS, According to the State of California IHSS
19 Management Statistics Summary, dated February 2010, the IHSS
20 program serves nearly 450,000 California residents who qualify
21 for services because of functional limitations and financial need;
22 and

23 WHEREAS, The average per capita cost of services under the
24 IHSS program is one-fifth of the average per capita cost to
25 taxpayers of nursing homes; and

26 WHEREAS, The IHSS program is acknowledged as the reason
27 California has a relatively low number of people in nursing homes
28 and other institutions; and

29 WHEREAS, The IHSS program is key to fulfilling the civil
30 rights of Californians with disabilities to live in the most integrated
31 settings, as affirmed by the 1990 Americans with Disabilities Act
32 and the 1999 United States Supreme Court Olmstead decision;
33 and

34 WHEREAS, Nearly 370,000 IHSS providers deliver the home
35 care services and support to make it possible for California seniors
36 and people with disabilities to remain living independently in their
37 homes; and

38 WHEREAS, Numerous national organizations join together
39 annually to declare the month of November as National Home

Care Month, to recognize, honor, and support the valuable contributions of home care and personal assistance workers; and

WHEREAS, The work of California's IHSS providers is essential to the independence of seniors and persons with disabilities in California and thus deserves the respect and appreciation of all Californians; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, By the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate thereof concurring, That the Legislature of the State of California hereby declares its intent to ensure the preservation of home care and personal assistance services to seniors and people with disabilities through the In-Home Supportive Services program; and be it further

Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.